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SUBJ: MAURITANIAN AND CHADIAN PRESIDENTS VISIT AHIDJO

1. PRESIDENTS TOMBALBAYE AND OULD DADDAH ARRIVED CAMEROON TOGETHER FROM NDJAMENA MORNING APRIL 10 FOR TALKS WITH AHIDJO IN NORTHERN CITY OF NGAOUNDERE. THEY LEFT CAMEROON MORNING OF APRIL 12.

2. LOCAL PRESS APRIL 11 AND 12 EMPHASIZED THAT VISIT WAS UNEXPECTED. EMBASSY HAS INDEPENDENT CONFIRMATION THAT VISIT HASTILY ARRANGED ABOUT 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE.

3. RADIO YAOUNDE DID NOT REPORT DEPARTURE OF GUESTS OR CARRY ANY POST-VISIT COVERAGE OVER WEEKEND, NOR DID APRIL 14 CAMEROON NEWS AGENCY DAILY NEWS BULLETIN. BUT SEMI-OFFICIAL CAMEROON TRIBUNE APRIL 14, IN EXAMPLE OF MORE ENTERPRISING JOURNALISM, GAVE PICTORIAL COVERAGE AND PUBLISHED FINAL COMMUNIQUE WHICH STATED THREE PRESIDENTS ENGAGED IN TOUR D'HORIZON OF CURRENT INTERNATIONAL AND AFRICAN ISSUES. INCLUDED REITERA-

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TION OF "UNCONDITIONAL SUPPORT TO LIBERATION MOVEMENTS STILL

FIGHTING COLONIALISM, APARTHEID AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION" IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, "TOTAL SUPPORT OF PERTINENT OAU RESOLUTIONS IN MIDDLE EAST CRISIS AND RIGHTS OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE", AND DESIRE FOR "RETURN OF RAPID PEACE IN INDOCHINESE PENINSULA SO AS TO PERMIT ALL PEOPLES CONCERNED TO BUILD THEIR FUTURE IN INDEPENDENCE CONFORMING TO THEIR FREE ASPIRATIONS". COMMUNIQUE ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT CHAD AND CAMEROON PRESIDENTS DISCUSSED PROBLEMS OF BILATERAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THEIR COUNTRIES AND ESPECIALLY PROBLEMS OF COOPERATION IN TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE. THE TWO PRESIDENTS SIGNED AGREEMENT ON DIVISION OF ROAD FREIGHT BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

4. COMMENT:

A. QUESTION OF SHARES OF CHADIAN FREIGHT TO BE HAULED BY CHADIAN AND CAMEROONIAN TRUCKERS HAS LONG BEEN THORNY ISSUE. ITS RESOLUTION WOULD BE FAIRLY BIG LOCAL NEWS IF MORE MONUMENTAL EVENT OF APRIL 13 CHAD COUP HAD NOT OCCURRED.

B. RADIO YAOUNDE FRENCH-LANGUAGE NEWSCASTS AS OF MORNING APRIL 14 HAVE NOT YET REPORTED CHAD COUP. ENGLISH-LANGUAGE NEWS HAS MADE ONLY BAREST MENTION. OFFICIAL PRESS OBVIOUSLY AWAITING GURC GUIDANCE ON HOW TO HANDLE, WHICH PRESUMABLY ESPECIALLY DELICATE SINCE COUP OCCURRED SO SOON AFTER VISIT HERE. AS FAR AS WE KNOW, AHIDJO HAS NOT YET RETURNED TO YAOUNDE.

5. DEPT PASS NDJAMENA IF APPROPRIATE.

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